

Advisory Board for Student Affairs Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2018, 5pm

Meinecke Boardroom

Members present: L. Oster-Aaland, B. Lonbaken, M. Skoy, M. Bauer, C. Gross, A. Asperin, A. Emmons, B. Hogie, E. Ewen, M. Russell, M. Wenzel, I. Kamara, I. Wognin, D. Fettig, R. Bergh

Members absent: S. Beck

Guest: President Bresciani

Chair Fettig welcomed the President and Board members. Introductions were made.

The President reported on a number of topics:

- NDUS experienced massive budget cuts last year; many campuses still suffering; NDSU anticipated the cuts, made accommodations, and have been able to move on
- 18,000 students still our goal; smaller freshman class fall 2018, but retention and graduation rates are up
- NDSU's growth parallel to Fargo's; school of choice for in- and out-of-state students; >90% of ND students stay in ND, 60-70% of out-of-state students remain in ND; have educated legislators on economic contributions of out-of-state and international students
- Things going very well at NDSU; doesn't hurt that Athletics doing well, too; athletes have higher GPA than general student body
- Construction – donor and self-funded projects of \$62 million with no funds from legislature (i.e., Sudro Hall tower/expansion)
- NDSU Foundation launching major capital campaign; goal \$300-400 million; last one in 1980s
- Expected a 5% cut with Governor's budget; no comment on the 10-13% proposed until more is known

The President entertained questions from Board members:

- How decide when to start a fundraising campaign? "By design and good fortune." Plus, there's been positive changes in leadership and staff at the Foundation; first/current phase is silent, get 60-70% of donations before going to public phase; wealth growing in ND; \$3 million biggest gift 8 years ago; now receive \$1-3 million every month
- Projects earmarked in the campaign? It's about people and not buildings; student scholarships (graduate and undergraduate) and endowed professorships, which insulate from state's economy as costs are guaranteed; allows us to hire the best and brightest
- Earth Day yesterday – NDSU's environmental initiatives? Do low level recycling; number of our buildings are LEED certifiable; have a sustainable campus for increased number of students (i.e., housing, dining, STEM building); typically overbuilt to accommodate growth; faculty offices is an issue
- Excited about Turf opening? Yes; increases activity around campus; variety is the spice of life; Bridges apartments will also offer retail activity; students want to live near campus
- How assist with legislative session? Actively advocate for NDSU; educate others about issues
- How bridge the gap between President and student body? At first, President very visible to students/internally; now needing to be visible externally/legislators, donors; alternates between internal and external; individuals matter – email President and he will respond
- How address NDSU's growth into neighboring communities? Student Government part of neighborhoods (i.e., Roosevelt, 1600 block); neighbors' feedback utilized in design of projects

Chair Fettig thanked everyone for their participation this past year. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Barbara Lonbaken, Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs